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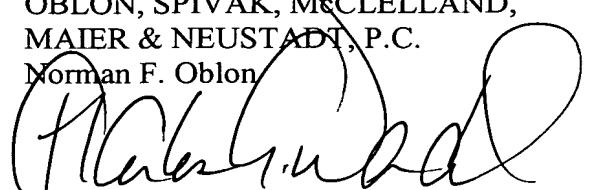
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, to make the claims read in more conventional U.S. patent format, and to present additional claims Applicants wish to have examined.

An early examination of Claims 1-18 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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